

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment and remarks contained herein in response to the Office Action mailed March 16, 2005. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment and remarks contained herein place the instant application in condition for allowance. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 2, 4 – 6, 8 – 9, 11 – 14, 16 – 17 and 30 – 39 remain pending. In particular, Applicant amends claim 13 and cancels claims 40 – 66 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant cancels claims 40 – 66 merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these canceled claims in a continuing application, if Applicant so chooses, and does not intend to dedicate the canceled subject matter to the public. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested. In addition, Applicant does not intend to make any admissions regarding any other statements in the Office Action that are not explicitly referenced in this response.

Election/Restrictions

The Office Action indicates that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Species I: Claims 2, 4 - 6, 8 - 9, 11 - 14, 16 - 17 and 30 - 39 drawn to “a system that is configured as a gateway,” classified in class 370, subclass 401.
- II. Species II: Claims 40 – 66, drawn to “a method and computer program for transmitting data across a network gateway between networks,” classified in class 709, subclasses 204 and 206.

Applicant respectfully affirms election without traverse to prosecute Group I, claims 2, 4 – 6, 8, 9, 11 – 14, 16, 17 and 30 – 39.

Applicant expressly reserves the right to present the non-elected claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequent to the present application.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims 2, 4 – 6, 8 – 9, 11 – 14, 16 – 17 and 30 – 39 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



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